

**TOWN OF SUMMERVILLE
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
MARCH 11, 2013**

The Finance Committee met at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013 in the Training Room of the Summerville Municipal Complex. Present were Mayor Bill Collins, and Council members Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Kima Garten-Schmidt, Bob Jackson, and Bill McIntosh. Terry Jenkins was absent. Also present were Director of Administrative Services, Lisa Wallace and Finance Director, Belinda Harper. Town Attorney, G.W. Parker was absent. Other staff members, members of the press and members of the public were also present.

Presentation of Financial Report	Belinda Harper presented the February 2013 Financial Report. During the presentation, Mayor Collins asked about the penalties for unlawful tree cutting and asked if the maximum fine was imposed on a recent violation of the tree ordinance. Mrs. Robinson reported that the maximum fine was imposed and there will also be mitigation. Mr. Bailey suggested raising the fine for cutting trees, particularly for intentional violations. Mr. Palmer reported that the cutting of trees is a code violation and the maximum fine under the town code is \$500 per tree. There was some discussion about adding a criminal or civil penalty to the code violation. Town Attorney, G.W. Parker, will investigate the matter and report back to council at a later date. The financial report was accepted for information.
Approval of Financial Requisitions	Mayor Collins announced that no financial requisitions have been submitted.
Discussion of Council Committee Reports	Mayor Collins announced that there were no committee reports.
Discussion of Proposed/Upcoming Council Agenda Items	There was no discussion of proposed or upcoming council agenda items.
Miscellaneous	Mayor Collins introduced Mike Dawson to discuss the proposed "B.I.R.D.S. (Birds in Residence Downtown Summerville) program. Mr. Dawson reported that this project is a partnership between Audubon and Baidler Forest, Sculpture in the South and Summerville D.R.E.A.M. The project will consist of approximately 20 life-size sculptures of native Summerville birds that will be mounted throughout the downtown area. The objective is to create a fun and unique way to draw tourists to downtown Summerville who will hopefully shop and dine in the downtown area. Mr. Dawson has already drafted a poem that will be used to provide clues to guide people to each of the sculptures. He stated that the reason for bringing it to Council's attention today is to report that 5 of the sculptures are slated for town property or town buildings. There were no objections to this proposal.

**Miscellaneous
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Mayor Collins reported that the Parks and Recreation Department is requesting an additional \$42,000 from parks impact fees to be used for improvements to the parking area at the new Parks and Recreation building. Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve up to \$42,000 from parks impact fees for those improvements. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Wallace
Director of Administrative Services
Clerk/Treasurer